

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All appropriations project requests will be presented to and evaluated by the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel, made up of community leaders. **This year's panel meetings will be held on February 26, March 5 and March 12, 2010 in the 12th Congressional District.** Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, Chief of Staff, at 202/225-3531 or via email, Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All information provided on this form and any supporting documents will be made available to the public on the Congresswoman's website.

DEADLINE: Forms are due by Friday, February 12, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (P.S.T.)/9:00 p.m. (E.S.T.). Project requests submitted after that date will not be considered.

Date Submitted: February

Project Name: Rancho Corral de Tierra

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*

Peninsula Open Space Trust (not in 12th District, but the project is)

Amount Requested (if requesting report language, please attach.):
\$3,000,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status (e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act") Applicants uncertain as to how to answer this question should contact Cookab Hashemi at 202-225-3531 or via email, Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov for assistance:
INT/LWCF

Local Contact (Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact. Please provide local address, state, zip code and email address):
Judy Lemons; j.lemons@verizon.net

Organization's Main Activities. (Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)
POST is a leading private, nonprofit land trust dedicated to preserving the beauty, character and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula and Santa Cruz Mountain range. Since its founding in 1977, the organization has been responsible for saving 60,000 acres as permanent open space and parkland in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

PURCHASE PRICE	\$29.75 million	
CARRYING COSTS	\$1.24 million for 11 yrs.	
Federal Funds:	\$15.00 million	Awarded \$11.96 million so far; seeking \$3 million in FY11
State Funds:	\$14.75 million	Received
Private Funds:	\$ 1.24 million	Received

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. (Your response must focus on the requested funds

rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)

POST entered into an agreement to purchase Rancho Corral de Tierra in 2001. We worked closely with the office of Congressman Lantos and Senator Feinstein to expand the boundary of the adjacent Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). In December 2005, Congressman Lantos' and Senator Feinstein's important legislation authorizing approximately 4,700 acres of undeveloped land to be included within the boundary of the GGNRA was signed into law (Public Law 109-131).

Furthermore, Senator Feinstein spearheaded the appropriations legislation which awarded POST LWCF funds in FY08 of \$1,960,000, in FY09 of \$6,000,000 and in FY10 of \$4,000,000 of the \$15,000,000 total that we are seeking. This fiscal year we are asking for the final installment of \$3,000,000. Rancho Corral de Tierra (4,076 acres of the boundary expansion) offers an unparalleled scenic addition to the GGNRA, one of our nations most heavily visited urban national parks. These lands consist of some of the last undeveloped acreage adjacent to existing GGNRA parkland. Permanent protection of this land as part of the GGNRA would provide a logical southern entrance into the park.

Marked by the ascent of Montara Mountain that rises nearly 2,000 feet above sea level, Rancho Corral de Tierra will serve the nearly 6 million residents in the San Francisco Bay Area and the millions of tourists who visit this part of California.

Additionally, the property contains the headwaters of four coastal creeks with habitat for federally listed steelhead trout. The riparian areas also serve as habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake, and provides a vital source of water, increased cover, nesting opportunities and migration corridors for the abundant wildlife in the area. Furthermore, these important watershed areas support the agricultural production of artichokes, brussels sprouts and leeks for two local family farms.

In order to protect this valuable place, POST has taken the lead by forming a dynamic three-way partnership to leverage significant Federal funds through the use of matching grants from state and private sources. We have secured more than \$15 million to date from State agencies and local individuals, covering half the purchase price and carrying costs incurred since taking ownership of the property in 2003. The contributing state agencies, Wildlife Conservation Board and

California Coastal Conservancy (CCC), provided needed grants to POST in 2002 and 2003 accordingly.

Without your help it would be impossible for a local land trust like POST to consider taking on such an extraordinary obligation and the associated risks. If we are to continue to make strides in land conservation it will be because of your support. Funding this request will let people here now and future generations know that we cared enough about our local lands to make a difference.

How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

This request will allow POST to complete this ten year conservation project, allowing our staff to move on to protecting other nearby important lands. We form strong partnerships with local groups and state agencies so that we are able to sustain our work beyond federal funding.

Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?

No.

What is the local significance of this project?

It will add over 4,000 acres to the GGNRA, which is the nation's most heavily visited urban national park. It will also protect four coastal streams which provide water to two local farms on the San Mateo coast.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

Anyone in the 12th District can benefit from this project. It will protect the scenic by-way of Highway One for all those who travel past the beautiful land, and it provides a place to escape from busy urban life and to renew one's spirit.

Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)

These lands consist of some of the last undeveloped acreage adjacent to existing GGNRA parkland. Permanent protection of this land as part of the GGNRA would provide a logical southern entrance into the park.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the request form.)* These are all letters from when we started this process in 2001.

American Land Conservancy
Audubon California
Bay Area Action and Peninsula Conservation Center Foundation
Committee for Green Foothills
Coyote Point Museum
Filoli
Golden Gate Audubon Society
Hillsborough Garden Club
Midcoast Community Council
Midcoast Park Lands
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Natural Resources Defense Council
Pacific Land Trust
San Jose Mercury News
Sempervirens Fund

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project?
(Federal, State, Local or private request pending?)

POST does not have any other funding requests out at this time. We have already received state and private monies in support of this project.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?
(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)

We have been awarded funds through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, but will not receive them until the property transfers into the ownership of the National Park System. The funds awarded thus far have been:

FY08: \$1,960,000
FY09: \$6,000,000
FY10: \$4,000,000

Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.

Senator Dianne Feinstein: Ryan Hunt, staff person

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010. (if any).

Steve Blank
Allan Brown
Donna Dubinsky
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Charlene Kabcenell
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Audrey Rust
Joseph Seiger
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T. Chester Wang
Anne Westerfield

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

1. REQUEST LETTER:

February 11, 2010
The Honorable Jackie Speier
United States House of Representatives
211 Cannon HOB
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

On behalf of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's Board and Advisory Council, thank you for your time and attention to the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

As we look at our next steps on the road to permanent protection of Rancho Corral de Tierra, I hope that we can continue to count on your support. To that end, we respectfully ask you to request \$3,000,000 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to permanently protect 4,076 acres of Rancho Corral de Tierra as part of our National Park System (NPS) in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), a local non-profit organization, has taken the lead in protecting this valuable property. POST has agreed to transfer the property to the NPS for approximately half of the \$29.75 million purchase price. POST has secured \$14.75 million for state and local sources with the stipulation of continued federal participation totaling \$15 million. We continue to work with our state partners to make this three-way partnership between federal, state and private sources come to fruition. Your help will ensure that this dynamic three-way public-private partnership for land conservation is successful.

The lands proposed for annexation offer an unparalleled scenic addition to the GGNRA, one of our nations most heavily visited urban national parks. These lands consist of some of the last undeveloped acreage adjacent to existing parkland in the GGNRA boundary. Permanent protection of this land as part of the GGNRA would provide a logical southern entrance into

the park marked by the ascent of Montara Mountain which rises nearly 2,000 feet out of the sea. We would be delighted for you to see this place first hand, so please let us know when you would like to get out on the land.

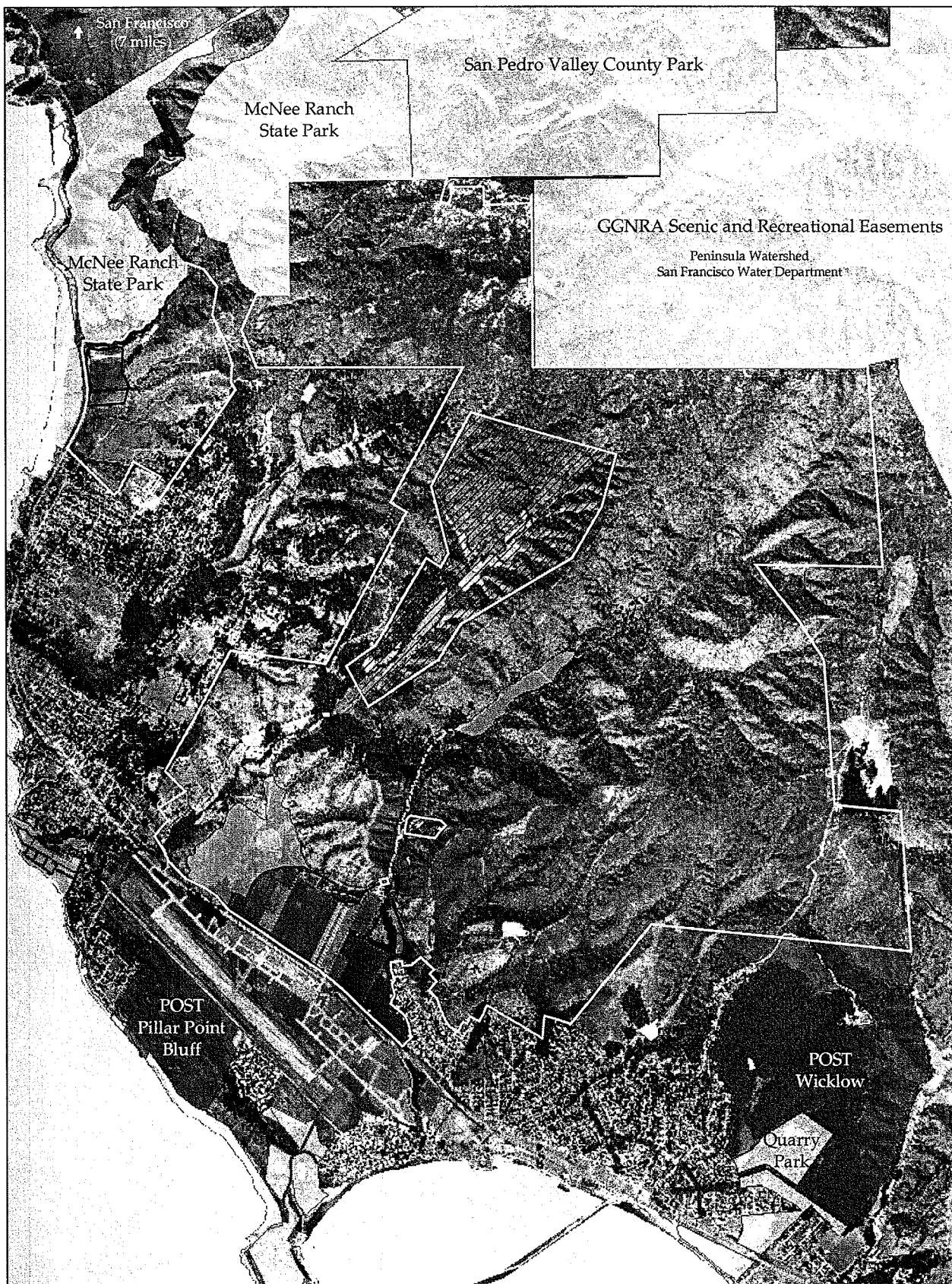
The property contains four coastal creeks with habitat for the federally listed threatened steelhead trout. The riparian areas serve as habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake, provide a vital source of water, increased cover, nesting opportunities and migration corridors for the abundant wildlife in the area. Additionally, due to the topography, climate and natural condition of the site, plant assemblages on Montara Mountain are considered by biologists to be genuinely unique, displaying plants, soils and exposures found together nowhere else on earth.

Rancho Corral de Tierra includes numerous important conservation values and offers spectacular recreational opportunities to the nearly six million residents in the Bay Area and to those who visit our special part of the United States. I know from your past support that you believe in this project; we can't thank you enough for your leadership and support. As you may know from living in the Bay Area, this land is unique. We have a special opportunity before us and I hope we can permanently safeguard Rancho Corral de Tierra together.

Sincerely,

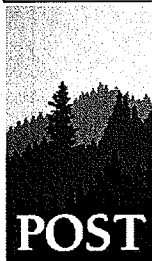
Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust

For examples of applications submitted last year, please review information at <http://www.speier.house.gov> under the section "12th District". Please note that some questions in the application may have changed from last year's form. The agency and/or policy area preferences of last year's panel are not binding for this year.



Rancho Corral de Tierra Transfer to Golden Gate National Recreation Area

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| POST Rancho Corral de Tierra Boundary | Excluded from GGNRA Boundary |
| Excluded from Proposed GGNRA Transfer | Inholding |
| Agricultural Road Easement | Other Land Owned by POST |
| Water Infrastructure Easement | Land Owned by a Public Agency |

Map date: 3/9/06
Scale: 1:24,000
Photo Date: August 2002

Sources: USGS, Airphoto USA, San Mateo County, POST
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Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Request
Peninsula Open Space Trust / Rancho Corral de Tierra

PHOTO 1: Aerial looking at Rancho Corral de Tierra, Half Moon Bay Airport in foreground



PHOTO 2: View of Rancho Corral looking at East Bay, San Mateo Bridge in background





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May 14, 2001

Audrey C. Rust, President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust,

The American Land Conservancy supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262-acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Additionally, it would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We greatly endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,

Harriet Burgess
President
American Land Conservancy



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May 15, 2001

Audrey C. Rust, President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust,

Audubon-California supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Additionally, it would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We heartily endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,

Daniel Taylor
Vice President, Executive Director

BAA+PCCF

BAY AREA ACTION + PENINSULA CONSERVATION CENTER FOUNDATION

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May 23, 2001

Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
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Dear Ms Rust,

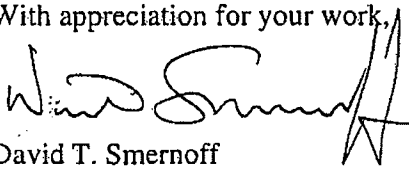
Bay Area Action + Peninsula Conservation Center Foundation enthusiastically supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's efforts (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of Rancho Corral de Tierra in the park would create a dramatic, and logical, southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat. These vanishing native ecosystems support numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Inclusion of Rancho Corral de Tierra into the GGNRA will create a larger, centrally-managed, urban adjacent open space, including valuable wildlife corridors. This is an important ecological value that can be achieved in no other way. Further, inclusion of the Rancho to GGNRA would permit the network of trails to be linked, providing important regional trail connections.

As an organization that works to preserve and enhance native habitats, we offer our unequivocal support for Congressional action to expand the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Please let us know if we can provide further assistance toward this end,

With appreciation for your work,


David T. Smernoff
Co-Executive Director



COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

13 June, 2001

Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Rd., 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 2,500 individuals and families represented by the Committee for Green Foothills to express our enthusiastic support of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Committee for Green Foothills is a regional grassroots organization working to establish and maintain land-use policies that protect the environment throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Founded in 1962 to protect local open space, the Committee promotes protection of open space, sound long-range planning, and sensible growth. For nearly 40 years, CGF has been in the forefront of the continuing effort to protect the natural environment of the San Francisco Peninsula.

The Committee has had a long-standing interest in ensuring that the Rancho Corral de Tierra property is permanently protected as open space. Indeed, our interest in this property dates back to 1962 when we began our battle to protect the San Mateo County Coast from large-scale urbanization. Throughout this nearly 40 years, the Rancho Corral de Tierra property has been at extreme risk of being lost to sprawling development. We are very thankful that the Peninsula Open Space Trust has created this spectacular open space legacy for future generations.

We wholeheartedly endorse Congressman Tom Lantos's efforts to expand the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land is currently bounded by the GGNRA and thus, represents a logical extension of this National Park.

Again, it is with great enthusiasm that we endorse the work of POST and Congressman Tom Lantos to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,

Zoe Kersteen-Tucker
Executive Director

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May 12, 2001

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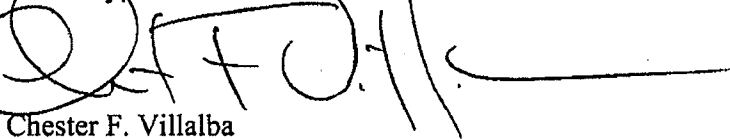
Dear Ms. Rust,

The Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262-acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Additionally, it would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We heartily endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,



Chester F. Villalba

Executive Director

Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education

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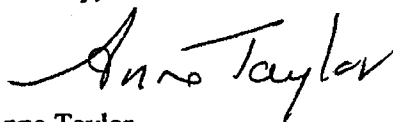
Dear Ms. Rust,

The FILOLI CENTER supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Additionally, it would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We heartily endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,



Anne Taylor
Executive Director
Filoli Center

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Golden Gate Audubon Society

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Americans Committed to Conservation • A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

May 15, 2001

Audrey C. Rust
President
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Dear Mrs. Rust,

The Golden Gate Audubon Society supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the over 4,000 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

By having this property becoming part of the GGNRA, it would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous bird, animal and plant species—including some who are threatened. It would also provide a logical southern entrance to the GGNRA.

Our Society, therefore, endorses the Congressional action for Rancho Corral de Tierra to become a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein

Arthur Feinstein
Executive Director
Golden Gate Audubon Society

HILLSBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB
P.O. BOX 209
Burlingame, CA 94011-0209

May 16, 2001

Ms. Audrey Rust, President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Rd., 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust:

The Hillsborough Garden Club supports Congressman Tom Lantos's legislation to expand the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra. There are many reasons why this spectacular 4262 acre property is a logical and important addition to the park, among them:

1) The Rancho shares three miles of boundary with the GGNRA and has more than four miles of its boundary adjacent to existing public lands. Its inclusion in the GGNRA would provide a great opportunity to create a network of linking trails. The property would be accessible to the more than six million people who live within an hour's drive in the highly urban San Francisco Bay Area.

3) Numerous endangered and threatened plant and animal species are present on the property, including the Montara Manzanita, Montara Bush Lupine, San Francisco Wallflower, red-legged frog and San Bruno Elfín Butterfly.

The Hillsborough Garden Club enthusiastically endorses your efforts and thanks you!

Sincerely,
Candace Blanchard
Candace O. Blanchard, (PWS)
President

Anne M. Westerfield
Anne M. Westerfield,
Conservation Chairman

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Chuck Kozak, *Chair*

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June 13, 2001

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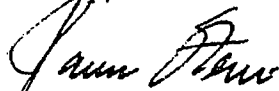
Dear Ms. Rust,

As the elected body representing the citizens who reside in the communities bordering the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra, the MidCoast Community Council enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to protect this unique and priceless coastal resource. We are equally supportive of the legislation authored by Congressman Tom Lantos which will add this property to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Rancho Corral de Tierra is located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, is home to many rare and endangered plant and animal species and is adjacent to other public lands.

This acreage shares over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, and inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical entrance from the south. For years this area has been frequented by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and other outdoor enthusiasts. There are outstanding opportunities for trails and links with other publicly held properties.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to you and the Board of POST for your ongoing commitment to coastal preservation. We solidly endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,



Laura Stein

Chair, MidCoast Community Council



June 18, 2001

Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust:

Midcoast Park Lands supports the Peninsula Open Space Trusts (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect Rancho Corral de Tierra. This 4,262 acre parcel, which is readily accessible to people in the San Francisco Bay area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

The Corral del Tierra is a not only a jewel, but it creates a crucial buffer between the urban San Francisco Bay Area and the rural splendor of the San Mateo County coast. It would also serve as a wonderful south entrance to the GGNRA. This action would also protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral that supports numerous plant and animal species that are threatened, rare, and endangered. It would also lead to the creation of a superb network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We strongly endorse the Congressional action to expand the GGNRA to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Jim Blanchard', is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Blanchard
President
Midcoast Park Lands

To promote land stewardship, conservation, and recreation
on the San Mateo County coast.

Regional Open Space

MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

May 15, 2001

Ms. Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Ms. Rust,

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District supports the Peninsula Open Space Trust's (POST) efforts and Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation to protect the 4,262 acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. This land, located next to the highly urbanized region of the San Francisco Bay Area, should become part of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area (GGNRA).

Sharing over three miles of boundary with the GGNRA, inclusion of this property in the park would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance. It would protect unique coastal scrub and chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species. Additionally, it would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.

We heartily endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,



L. Craig Britton
General Manager

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cc: MROSD, Board of Directors



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

June 6, 2001

Ms. Audrey C. Rust
President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

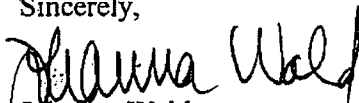
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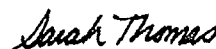
We are writing on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council to express our strong support for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to include Rancho Corral de Tierra as proposed by Congressman Tom Lantos' legislation. The expansion would safeguard an area of outstanding ecological, historical, and recreational importance.

Rancho Corral de Tierra protects 4,262 acres of unique habitat for numerous endangered species such as the peregrine falcon and the Elfin butterfly. It also encompasses the headwaters for four major watersheds. In addition to its ecological importance, the area offers tremendous benefits to the six million people who live in the San Francisco Bay Area. The inclusion of the ranch would provide an opportunity to further the network of trails on the Peninsula. It also would create a dramatic and logical southern entrance to the GGNRA.

We fully endorse Congressional expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra and commend Congressman Tom Lantos and the Peninsula Open Space Trust for their efforts in protecting this important area.

Sincerely,


Johanna Wald
Director, Land Program


Sarah Thomas
Public Policy Intern



Preserving and protecting the open spaces of Pacifica

May 17, 2001

Audrey C. Rust, President
Peninsula Open Space Trust
3000 Sand Hill Road, 4-135
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Subject: Acquisition of Rancho Corral de Tierra and
GGNRA Boundary Expansion

Dear Ms. Rust:

On behalf of the board of the Pacifica Land Trust, I want to congratulate you on your effort to acquire the 4,262-acre property known as Rancho Corral de Tierra. We commend this action and will do everything in our power to help you achieve your goals for this property.

I am personally familiar with these lands, having surveyed them for some of the rare plant species that occur on the southern flanks of Montara Mountain. They possess a rich representation of scrub, riparian, and native grassland habitat. As this area is adjacent to San Francisco Water Department property, a state park, and a major county park, it provides a landscape-scale refuge for native wildlife that today flourish in this special place. Permanent protection will insure that this good condition persists through time and that it is even improved through good stewardship.

In addition, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) recently achieved a boundary expansion in the Pacifica area that will place it near to this property. Our current plan is to transfer Pedro Point Headland to the GGNRA in the near future. The addition of Mori Point is another key coastal property that adds to the building momentum for the GGNRA to become more active along the northern San Mateo coast. Trail enhancements, good stewardship of sensitive species, and numerous other benefits to this rich ecosystem will benefit future generations of nature and people.

In summary, we heartily endorse Congressional action for the expansion of the GGNRA to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Vasey".

Michael Vasey
President, Pacifica Land Trust

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Opinion

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Open space trust gets a big helping hand

THE Peninsula Open Space Trust announced plans last week to raise \$200 million in three years to preserve some of the most spectacular real estate in California — 20,000 acres of San Mateo County coastline stretching from Pacifica to Año Nuevo.

While \$200 million may sound like a tall order, POST is already halfway toward its goal, thanks to the generosity of two prominent Silicon Valley families. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation each donated \$50 million to the campaign.

Now for the hard part: lining up the other \$100 million. POST is depending on smaller private donations as well as federal and state money to complete the package.

POST's campaign is the most ambitious such effort by a local land trust in the United States. The payoff — unobstructed views of our Pacific coast, protected for future generations — is well worth the investment.

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- It would protect unique coastal chaparral habitat that supports numerous threatened, rare and endangered plant and animal species.
- It would provide an opportunity to create a network of trails with adjacent public lands.
- It would compliment and leverage the land conservation programs of the Sempervirens Fund.

We heartily endorse the Congressional action for the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Steen
Executive Director
Sempervirens Fund

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